

ers, age 50) by filing his written application with the retirement board for such benefits. Such benefit account shall be established on the first day of the month in which the application is received by the retirement board or the first day of the month following the date of separation, whichever is the later, and in no case shall be retroactive to an earlier date.

Rule No. 22

Up to and including June 30, 1951 any member found to be incapacitated, who has attained the age of 60 (police officers or firemen, age 55; certified teachers, age 50) shall be granted disability retirement benefits computed on the same basis as service retirement benefits provided in the act for service retirement after June 30, 1951, subject to the \$50.000 per month minimum disability retirement allowance.

For the purpose of calculating disability benefits the term "his earliest service retirement age" shall be deemed to be age 60 (police officers and firemen, age 55; certificated teachers, age 50.)

Compensable incapacity shall be deemed to begin at the date thereof fixed in the report of the chief medical adviser, subject to the approval of the board but not in any event antedating the last day for which such member received compensation as a public employe.

Rule No. 23

The fixed term of an appointive office is the term fixed by statute or municipal charter.

Rule No. 24

A public employer entering the system after July 1, 1946 will not be charged for any cost estimates prepared by the regular office staff of the retirement system, but shall pay only the cost of estimates computed for it in advance by the actu-

aries employed by the Public Employees Retirement Board.

Rule No. 25

Upon proper application by the employer, voluntary firemen as a unit are eligible for membership even though all other employes of that employer are excluded.

Rule No. 26

Unless otherwise agreed upon between the retirement board and the employer, the employer shall transmit to the retirement board not later than the 15th day of each month the amount of employe contributions (payroll deductions) for the preceding calendar month together with corresponding employer contributions.

Unless otherwise agreed upon between the retirement board and the employer, the employer shall transmit to the retirement board not later than the 15th day of each July, on forms furnished by the board, an itemized statement of all employe contributions (payroll deductions) for the preceding fiscal year.

Rule No. 27

Interest earnings, less deductions provided by law, shall be added to all employe and employer accounts at the end of each fiscal year, based on the balance in each account at the end of that fiscal year.

When death, retirement or withdrawal of contributions occurs during a period for which no distribution of interest has been made, a member's interest shall be prorated for such period on the basis of the last previous annual distribution rates with interest added for full calendar months only.

Rule No. 28

Retirement allowances, contribution refunds, or any other sums shall be paid

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